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Gov't, farmers duel in moshav crisis

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT and LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporters

BEERSHEBA. — The government and farmers organizations yesterday traded accusations on who is responsible for the crisis facing many moshavim — but no practical steps were taken to prevent further bankruptcies.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper said he would take no action before August 11, when his Liberal Party's Central Committee chooses its candidate to head the ministry, in place of the late Simha Ehrlich.

Grupper explained that his plan requires cabinet approval, and that it would be premature for him to outline his plan at this stage.

If he becomes minister, he will confer with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor in an attempt to obtain the required funds, Grupper said.

But the head of the Negev moshavim farmers' association, Yitzhak Nehemia, told reporters here yesterday that urgent government aid is required to prevent 27 per cent of the Negev moshavim from going under.

"There are no production quotas, there is no planning, and there are no insured rates of return," he said.

Nehemia attributed the present situation to "a policy that is clearly aimed at destroying the family farm, which was not established for farming alone."

The moshavim are affiliated with the Histadrut, and its secretary-general Yeroham Meshel yesterday blasted the government for "continuing to argue" over who should finance the aid programme.

"It is inconceivable that the finance minister sends the farmers to the minister of agriculture, and vice versa, meanwhile letting the settlements collapse," he told reporters in Acre.

Meshel termed the collapse of Moshav Noga "a national disgrace" — since Israel's cooperative-settlement programme has been a



Two IDF soldiers remove a log placed in the road in the southern Lebanese village of Saadiyate as Christian demonstrators watch. Christians in the area also burned tires in protest against Israel's decision to evacuate Christian fighters from certain areas of Beirut. (UPI telephoto).

McFarlane on surprise visit

Jerusalem Post Staff

U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane arrived in Jerusalem yesterday prior to his scheduled meeting with Syria's rulers in Damascus.

Political circles in Jerusalem did not conceal their surprise last night, since according to plan and reports from Washington, McFarlane was supposed to be going directly to Damascus from Beirut.

Sources in Jerusalem said McFarlane will meet today with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens. He is attempting to achieve agreement between Israel and Lebanon on the positions he will present in his talks in Damascus.

Israeli and American sources denied a rumour that McFarlane came to Israel because the Syrians refused to meet with him.

It was not known last night whether the special American envoy brought a new plan or ideas.

In Beirut yesterday, McFarlane met with Lebanese President Amin Mayeul. McFarlane made no statement to the press after the one-hour conference.

The state-run radio said McFarlane reiterated the U.S. commitment to help bring about a total withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

The radio said McFarlane told (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

CoS cites 'failure to coordinate' IDF ejecting Phalange from camp near Sidon

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday that it was necessary to close down the Christian Phalange base in Falus village, east of Sidon, because the militia unit manning it had operated several times without coordinating with the Israel Defence Forces.

The IDF began to evacuate the base, which housed 30 Christian fighters and hundreds of their civilian relatives, yesterday afternoon, and military sources said that the evacuation would be completed today.

Levy said that repeated warnings to the Phalange to stop its unilateral operations had met with no response, despite an agreement between the IDF and local Phalange commanders that all operations be coordinated.

Since Israel is responsible for overall security in the area, it cannot permit partisan operations, Levy said.

An IDF force entered the base yesterday morning and told the Phalangists they would have to evacuate, as requested by the IDF last week. Reuter reported that local Christians unleashed swarms of bees as the Israelis made their way into the camp, and that scores of women and children joined the fighters in a sit-in.

That the opposition was no stronger is apparently due to orders to the Phalangists from Lebanese Forces headquarters in Beirut not to do anything that might undermine the basically good relationship that exists between the IDF and the Phalangists "on the larger issues."

The Lebanese state radio said there were fist fights and incidents of face slapping as 300 Israelis moved into the Falus barracks, which were ringed by 20 tanks and armoured personnel carriers.

All Lebanese radio stations said the Falus action at dawn touched off angry demonstrations that forced Israeli troops to use rifle bullets on demonstrators to prevent them from pushing into the besieged barracks.

Radio reports said protesters burned car tires, rang church bells and held mass prayers in the streets, demanding the Israeli army rescind its order to shut down the Falus camp.

During yesterday's confrontation in Falus, other Phalangists closed (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)



Some of the 14 persons asked yesterday by the police to come forward as witnesses to help find the man who threw a grenade which killed Emil Grunzweig. (Rahamim Israeli)

IS1m. reward in Grunzweig killing

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A \$1 million reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who threw the grenade that killed Peace Now demonstrator Emil Grunzweig was offered last night by the Israel Police.

The reward offer, made in a special television broadcast, was accompanied by publication of 14 photographs of unidentified witnesses to the grenade attack at the Peace Now demonstration held in February outside the Prime Minister's Office. Some of the photographs were taken from television footage shot during the demonstration.

Police have already identified and questioned more than 500 people based on that film and video footage. The 14 persons are the only witnesses yet to be questioned.

A special telephone number — (02) 2739339 — was set aside at southern district headquarters for the 14 missing witnesses, or others with pertinent information, to call, spokesman Moshe Alexandroni said last night.

Alexandroni said a phone call to any police station in the country would also be effective.

No police sources were willing last night to estimate what the chances were that the reward would lead to an arrest.

"If ideology was the motive for throwing the grenade, the lure of money won't have any effect. Those kinds of motives won't be changed by money," said a police source.

"The money also won't help if the killer acted absolutely on his own and kept it quiet, or is crazy and acted alone," he added.

The reward seemed geared to informants from the underworld, which the police have long considered a community from which the killer might have come.

The photographs shown on TV were not distributed to the printed press, which prompted Jerusalem police reporters to protest to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivtzan and Southern District Commander Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi.

"The failure to provide the printed press with the photos seriously harms the police search for the witnesses, and harms the public's right — and duty — to know and to help the police in their investigation," said the journalists' letter.

Selling wave in stock market

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The news that the Treasury injected \$13.5 billion into the economy in July brought on a selling wave on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

Expectations of forthcoming drastic economic measures to curb the high standard of living and to soak up excessive funds in the hands of the general public triggered the selling, which caused the general share index (commercial banks excepted) to fall by 2.55 per cent.

Sharply falling shares outnumbered strong gainers by nearly six to one. Twenty-two securities were registered as sellers only and were automatically dropped in price by 5 per cent. Only one security was registered as buyers only.

One hundred and fifteen other securities fell by more than 5 per cent, while only 22 advanced by a similar margin. Trading activity was not high, and stood at just over \$1670m. Commercial bank shares were mostly higher.

Rumours of devaluation were again put to rest, at least for another day, as the Israeli shekel was revalued by 30 agorot in relation to the U.S. dollar. On Monday, the shekel was devalued by 38 agorot.

Foreign currency bonds and index-linked bonds were generally mixed in moderately active trading, without any perceivable trend.

Soldier hurt by Syrian fire

Post Defence Correspondent

Tension on the eastern front in Lebanon, along the cease-fire line with the Syrians, rose yesterday when one Israeli soldier was injured by Syrian light arms fire, and Israeli artillery and tanks returned fire.

According to the army spokesman, the soldier was injured when the Syrians broke the cease-fire by directing several bursts of light arms fire against an Israeli position east of Kafr Kulk.

Israeli artillery and tank units then opened fire against Syrian positions with a "short but effective response" according to a military source.

The source said that over the past 10 days, the Syrians have opened fire almost daily against Israeli positions on the eastern front. Until yesterday, there had been no injuries, he said, but after a soldier was injured, the army decided to respond.

Hunt for ambushers of settlers

TULKARM (Itim). — Security forces last night were continuing a search near here for terrorists who earlier in the day shot at and wounded settlers from Shavei Shomron and fired at a bus carrying soldiers.

The two injured settlers were treated at a hospital in Kfar Sava and released.

Investigators said that the terrorists used English-made automatic arms. Curfews placed on two Arab villages near the site of the attack were later lifted.

The Tulkarm-Nablus highway, where the attack took place, serves as a main road for both settlers in Samaria and the Israel Defence Forces. Several new settlements have been established there recently.

'Israeli anti-terror experts in Peru'

LIMA (AP). — Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry announced on Monday that his government would seek "foreign advisers" to work with police and the armed forces in their fight against terrorism by left-wing guerrillas.

Second Vice-President Javier Alva told reporters the search for advisers would take place "in democratic countries" that have political terrorism under control.

West Germany and Israel for training.

"We are not looking for agreements with other governments, but for support from people who are familiar with the problem, no matter what their nationality," Belaunde said.

Diplomatic sources said there are already Argentine and Israeli advisers in Peru, and Perovich said police previously have gone to Italy,

New Delhi denies it plans interfering in Sri Lanka

LONDON. — The Indian government yesterday denied British press reports that Sri Lanka fears attack from India because of the ethnic violence wracking the island.

A statement released by the Indian High Commission in London said: "An official spokesman of the government of India has categorically stated that there is no intention of India interfering in Sri Lanka's internal affairs or putting any undue pressure."

India is steering a careful course as it copes with the volatile situation in Sri Lanka, where at least 215 people have been killed in a week of ethnic violence.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government has come under increasing public and political pressure to do something to end the violence in Sri Lanka between Sinhalese and minority Tamils.

Most of the deepest passion over the plight of the Tamils is expressed in the south, especially in the Tamil-majority state of Tamil Nadu, where a 14-hour general strike protesting against ethnic violence in Sri Lanka yesterday crippled businesses, schools and government offices and halted transport throughout the state.

Levinger resigns from Kiryat Arba council

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT ARBA. — Rabbi Moshe Levinger, founder and leader of the Jewish return to Hebron, resigned from the Kiryat Arba local council on Monday night, ostensibly to continue a protest strike outside the local military government headquarters contrary to the council's decision to end it.

But according to several sources in the town, the rabbi's resignation reflects a growing rift between the large Israeli suburb outside Hebron and the tiny Jewish enclaves in the heart of the city where Levinger himself lives. In particular, there is increasing resentment over what is seen as Levinger's high-handed diversion of government funds intended for Kiryat Arba to the three Jewish properties he controls in Hebron and over his political domination of anything involving Jewish settlement in the area.

These sources noted that the Kiryat Arba local council only gave half-hearted support to Levinger some six weeks ago when he began the protest strike opposite the Taggart Fort which has always served as the local military government.



Rabbi Moshe Levinger

Levinger and those who joined him were demanding more stringent security measures and the expansion of the Jewish presence inside Hebron.

At the time, Levinger's protest was explained — even by settlers from Kiryat Arba — as a test he was posing for new Defence Minister Moshe Arens, similar to an earlier test once given the head of the civil administration in the area, Tat Aluf (Res.) Shlomo Ily.

Dissatisfaction has been growing over Levinger's apparent "hold" over the local council, which finds itself transferring funds it has been allocated by the government to the association which Levinger and the Hebron settlers have established to promote the re-establishment of the Jewish quarter there. One such instance was a "special transfer" of \$1 million from the council's education budget to the association.

This has angered many parents in Kiryat Arba, who feel that their own children are being deprived.

Residents have also noted that while expenditures of the council have to be accounted for and monitored by an auditor, what happens to the money within the association remains a secret.

What apparently brought things to a head on Monday night was the recent destruction of an Arab house said to have been within the municipal boundaries of Kiryat Arba. The council had decided that since the military government was ignoring what it considered an "illegal building," it "would act within its legal rights" and order the destruction of the building.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Slight drop in temperatures.

Yesterday's	Humidity	Min-Max	Today's
Jerusalem	45	19-31	30
Golan	15	30-36	33
Nahariya	65	20-32	30
Safed	17	25-35	32
Haifa Port	65	26-31	30
Tiberias	22	22-31	37
Na'arash	32	23-34	31
Afula	24	22-35	32
Shomron	43	23-35	31
Tel Aviv	62	24-32	30
B-C Airport	38	20-31	31
Jericho	17	22-43	41
Gaza	48	23-30	29
Beersheba	61	19-36	33
Eilat	7	28-45	41

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Danish Minister of Social Affairs Palle Simonsen met yesterday with 20 elderly people from Gilo who were taken by the Amit Jerusalem volunteer association for mutual assistance for a trip around Jerusalem, and a lunch hosted by the Kings Hotel.

LEVINGER

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Similar unilateral actions have been taken in the past, always late at night, and always been attributed to "unidentified persons." Police investigations into Arab complaints were always fruitless. "We had enough of acting like thieves at night and decided to act in the open, and Levinger agreed," said a council member on Monday night. On the strength of this decision, a tractor driver was sent to destroy the building, and was later arrested by police. "Levinger then backed away," said the council member, "leaving the tractor driver high and dry in the hands of the police."

Residents of Kiryat Arba are now hoping that the Interior Ministry will agree to hold local elections in the suburb soon. They point out that since Levinger is no longer a resident, he will not be able to stand for the local council. Levinger, who is still occupying a tent opposite the military government, could not be reached last night for comment.

MCFARLANE

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Jemayel that he decided to make Beirut the main base of his current Middle East shuttle. Before the meeting with Jemayel, Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan said McFarlane "advanced new ideas that make us look forward with hope."

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis returned here yesterday from consultations in Washington. He went from Ben-Gurion Airport to a meeting with McFarlane, and is to take part in today's meetings with Shamir and Arens.

MOSHAV CRISIS

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The associations loaned farmers large sums, which were to be repaid with income from sales of produce, the statement said. But farmers sold their produce independently of the associations, pocketed the proceeds, and allowed their debts to grow.

"For years the moshav movement and the Agriculture Ministry failed to tackle the problem, although warnings were issued," the finance ministry said.

Grupper said the crisis is a result of mistakes made 15 years ago. "It's not the Likud's fault," he insisted. The settlement movements are to blame because "they controlled the moshav's lives, organized them and directed them. They established purchasing organizations, six of which went bankrupt."

Meanwhile, Rahamim Yakuti, head of the Galilee moshav association, said yesterday that the condition of most moshavim in the north is satisfactory.

He said that the collapse of several southern moshavim is the result of social problems inherent in their membership, particularly inter-family feuds. Yakuti said that not a single one of Galilee's 54 moshavim is in danger of collapse. But some of them have financial problems, which he said are caused by the failure of the government to fulfill its promise to rehabilitate 30 moshavim each year.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

IDF prepares for pullback, but has no funds to move

Jerusalem Post Staff
Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy yesterday reminded the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the government has ordered the IDF to go ahead with redeployment in Southern Lebanon without allocating the IDF the necessary funds.

Levy said that since operations connected with the redeployment have already begun, the IDF has been compelled to transfer funds from other budget items to redeployment, leaving other essential outlays uncovered.

The IDF Engineering Corps has

begun laying the infrastructure for the absorption of forces expected to move south to the Awali River when the IDF redeploy.

The camps being built along the new line are intended to provide soldiers with every comfort. These preparations have given local residents the impression that the deployment is being planned for an extended period.

The IDF is also laying new roads and improving old ones throughout the area south of the Awali. Work widening the Metulla-Nabatiya and Nabatiya-Jezzine roads will soon be completed.

Soviet writer revives idea of joint U.S.-Soviet peace effort

MOSCOW (AP). — A Soviet commentator said yesterday that the USSR has influence and interests in the Middle East, and suggested a joint U.S.-Soviet effort toward a settlement.

Pavel Demchenko, an analyst for the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, said in an article distributed by the Novosti Press Agency that a 1977 U.S.-Soviet declaration on the Middle East contained ideas which are "not dead wood."

The declaration, designed to lay the groundwork for a U.S. and Soviet-chaired Geneva conference on the Middle East, urged Israel to allow "representatives of the Palestinian people" to have a negotiating role, to withdraw from Arab territories taken in the 1967 war and to recognize "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

The declaration drew strong protests by Israel and the U.S. for seeming to invite a Soviet role in the Middle East peace process. A month after it was issued it was

overshadowed by Sadat's visit to Jerusalem.

The Soviet commentator said yesterday that the Soviets have not resorted to extreme military pressure despite their Middle East interests, and contrasted that with U.S. actions in Central America.

The Soviet Union has friends in the region whom it will not abandon in their difficult hour," he said. "Isn't it time Washington realized that the USSR has enough weight in Middle East affairs, that it has interests in the region which cannot be ignored?"

"Peace can be brought to the Middle East not by force, not by separate actions adopted by Washington, but by collective efforts," he said.

"This brings to mind the Soviet-American declaration published in October, 1977," he said. "It is said to have lingered for only a week or 10 days, but the ideas incorporated in it are not dead wood."



Aluf-Mishne Amira Dotan (right), head of the women's corps of the Israel Defence Forces, hosts Minister without Portfolio Sarah Doron yesterday at the army's exhibition in Tel Aviv. (Ippa)

Unemployment continues to decline

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Unemployment continued to decrease in the April-June period, the National Insurance Institute announced yesterday.

Figures released by the NII showed that during the second quarter of the year, about 11,700 persons a month applied for un-

employment benefits, 14 per cent less than the number of who applied during the first quarter of the year.

There was also a 28 per cent decrease in the number of newly unemployed persons. About 2,150 newly unemployed were registered each month in the second quarter of the year, as compared with 3,000 in the last quarter of 1982.

Plessner: Cutbacks will be felt by all

Jerusalem Post Reporter
"Every citizen in Israel will feel the results of the cuts in government expenditure," Bank of Israel deputy governor Yakir Plessner said on TV's *Mabat* news programme last night.

Plessner said that although the details of the cuts have yet to be worked out, it may be expected that in the future, the public will have to

pay more for education and health care. Plessner said that in the past, ministers were against cuts in their own budgets, but today, the idea of cuts has gotten a more favourable reception by cabinet members.

He also said that it is unlikely that the Treasury will reduce subsidies on basic commodities in the near future. Such a step would drive up inflation, he said.

IDF EJECTING

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the main road to Beirut near Damur to IDF traffic. They burned tires and waved weapons and pictures of Amin Jemayel. They also declared that they would open fire if the IDF tried to run their roadblock.

But after some IDF tanks showed up and an IDF officer fired warning shots, the Phalangists agreed to dismantle the roadblock.

Negev police continue search

BEERSHEBA. — Police, still searching for the two remaining killers who escaped from Beersheba prison last Thursday, believe "they are still in this country — there is no basis for the assumption that they have left."

Police spokesman Shmuel Shem-Tov, saying this yesterday, added that border police and special police contingents are working day and night in the Rahat-Lahav area in the northern Negev, where the two Beduin convicts are suspected of hiding. The third escapee gave himself up on Sunday.

Phalangist sources said the Israeli action followed the Lebanese forces' rejection of an Israeli decision that they should operate under the command of Major Saad Haddad, Israel's main ally in Southern Lebanon, or leave the area.

The evacuation was handled with considerable sensitivity by the IDF, which was anxious to prevent the Falus incident from unleashing a wave of anti-Israeli sentiment in the southern Lebanon.

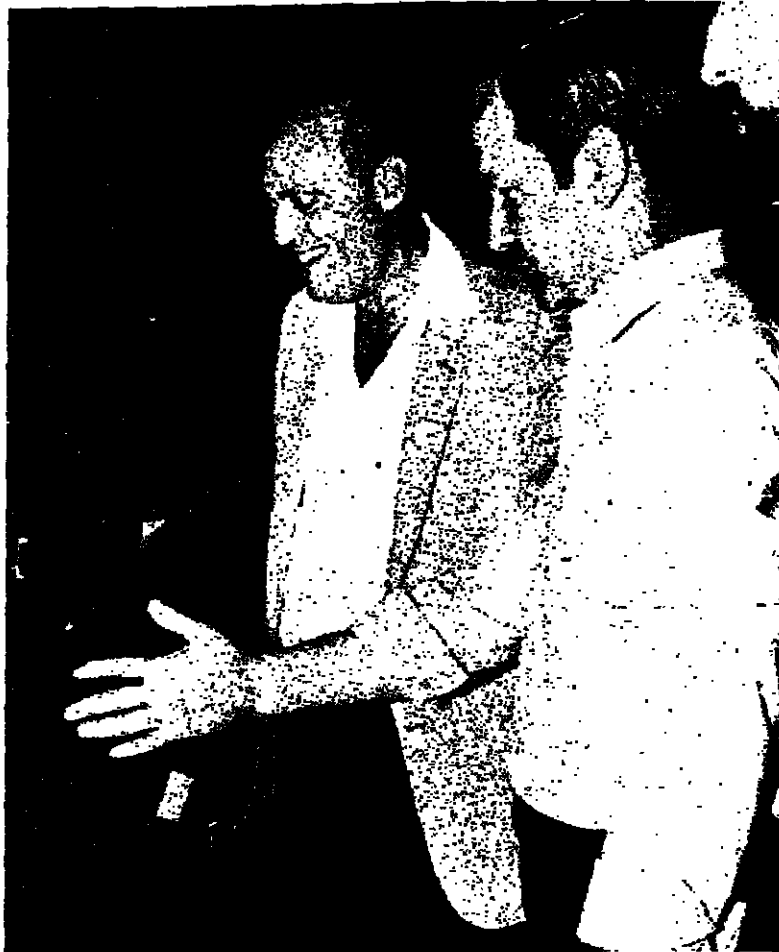
No military sources were prepared last night to give details of the "uncoordinated operations" Levy had spoken of. But one source indicated that Phalangists had used the base to carry out acts of vengeance against Palestinians and Shia Moslem in the area.

The source said that the Falus base was an "exacerbating factor" in a volatile area, and "a negative influence" on efforts to bring about stability there.

IDF sources said they were convinced that the incident would blow over, "since issues of greater importance to both parties necessitate cooperation."

TOMORROW — Haga (Civil Defence) Exercise in South Tel Aviv

Tomorrow, Thursday, August 4, there will be a Haga exercise in South Tel Aviv. Haga, police, fire brigade and Magen David Adom personnel will participate. During the exercise, civil defence incidents will be staged, and fire engine and rescue vehicle klaxons will be heard. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.



U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane yesterday gestures towards U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis upon arrival at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. (Zoom 77)

U.S. expected to veto UN condemnation of Israel

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.S. was expected to veto late last night an Arab-sponsored draft resolution condemning Israeli policies in the West Bank and calling upon Israel to dismantle the Jewish settlements in the territories.

An earlier draft of the resolution also condemned the recent "Israeli attacks" in Hebron.

But in the last draft submitted to the council last evening, the Arabs refrained from blaming Israel directly for the recent attacks in Hebron, apparently to enable some Security Council members to support the resolution or at least to abstain in the vote on it.

Nevertheless, most of the Third World and Communist bloc members who addressed the council during the debate laid responsibility for the Hebron attack on Israel and accused the Jewish state of "crimes" against the Palestinian population.

British delegate John Margeson, addressing the council, said that the UK regarded Israeli policies in the occupied territories "with profound and continuing concern" and was "deeply worried" by the Israeli settlement policies. He said he hoped that Israel will conduct a full investigation of the recent killing of the three students in Hebron. The UK and France are expected to abstain in the vote.

Three killed in East Lebanon shoot-out

BEIRUT (AP). — Soldiers in the Lebanese Army garrison of east Lebanon's ancient town of Baalbek clashed yesterday in a 20-minute shoot-out with Syrian-backed mutineers rebelling against Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat.

One Lebanese corporal and two civilians were killed, and eight other residents were wounded.

Police said the shoot-out developed over an attempt by PLO dissidents to advance in the

direction of an army-controlled hill overlooking the Baalbek garrison. The exchange sent shells and rockets crashing into residential neighbourhoods of the city, which is famed for its Roman ruins.

There was a lull in fighting between dissidents of breakaway PLO colonel Spid Musa, also known as Abu Musa, and Arafat's loyalists around Baalbek and elsewhere in the Bekda after fighting that claimed 49 killed and 84 wounded.

Beirut demonstrators demand release of kin

BEIRUT (Reuters). — More than 100 Palestinian and Lebanese Moslem women appealed yesterday to Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan to secure the release of their husbands, sons and grandsons whom they say have been kidnapped.

The women accuse right-wing Christian Phalangists of kidnapping the men around the time of the massacres in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Shatilla last September.

With their heads covered according to Moslem tradition, the women demanded Wazzan meet them with chants of "Where are you, Wazzan?" and "Allahu akbar" (God is great). A gendarme told them Wazzan was not in his office.

The women, some in tears, crowded around reporters, showing photos of Palestinian refugee cards of their missing menfolk.

Bombs warn shops selling Israeli goods

SIDON (Reuters). — Bombs exploded at five shops selling Israeli goods in the Ein Hwiwe Palestinian refugee camp outside Sidon yesterday, security sources said.

There were no casualties in the dawn blasts. Statements left near the shops

threatened similar action against those who deal with Israel. The bombed shops sell vegetables and other food, mainly imported from Israel.

Last Thursday, gunmen in West Beirut blew up a truck loaded with fresh fish from Israel.

Druse, Christians let convoys through

ALEY (AP). — Overcoming mutual distrust and last-minute snags, warnings Christian and Druse militiamen yesterday allowed each other to send convoys of food and medicine to besieged towns in the Shouf Mountains.

For the past 35 days, the Christians had stopped supplies bound for Druse-held Aley, and the Druse had prevented supplies from reaching Christian-controlled Bhamdoun, four kilometres to the east.

"I don't know how they live," said an Israeli colonel who mediated the safe passage of Tuesday's convoys. "Honestly, I have spent one month trying to convince

them to let the convoys go through. In Bhamdoun and Aley, there was no sugar, no flour, no salt, no fodder for the livestock, no petrol."

Militia officers from the two towns denied that the blockades had caused serious problems for the remaining civilians in their areas although the Christians conceded that they had started rationing petrol in Bhamdoun.

CAMP. — About 12,000 Arab children and youth are taking part in summer camps around the country, according to an announcement from the Education and Culture Ministry.

Arab students get 1½ years for demonstrating in Birzeit

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Two students at Birzeit University north of Ramallah were sentenced to 1½ years in prison each for participating in last week's demonstration following the killing of three students in Hebron. The sentences are among the harshest ever handed down by a military court in the territories for an offence of this nature. At least seven more students are still awaiting sentence.

The army yesterday lifted the curfew imposed on the Kalkilya area following violent demonstrations there, also to protest the Hebron killings.

Military authorities have extended the town arrest of a former member of the Al-Bira municipal

council, Azmi Shu'eibi, for another six months. In Jerusalem, 19-year-old Mohammed Abu Hader was yesterday sentenced in magistrate's court to 45 days in jail for throwing stones during a demonstration on the Temple Mount last month.

Speaking to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy replied to a question from Yossi Sarid (Alignment-Labour) as to why the IDF slapped a curfew on Hebron and not on Kiryat Arba after the killings in the Islamic College. He said the only purpose of the curfew was to prevent a commotion.

Sarid said it would be a mistake to rule out the possibility that the killers had come from Kiryat Arba.

Rabbis' ban on wife's lover challenged before High Court

The High Court of Justice has agreed to hear the petition of a woman undergoing divorce proceedings who has asked for nullification of a Haifa Rabbinical Court injunction barring the woman's alleged lover from visiting her house.

Talia Dayan, of Moshav Nahalal, said in her petition that she became estranged from her husband, Ehud, because of his frequent infidelity. Their relationship reached its nadir, she said, when Ehud moved out to live with his mistress in Tel Aviv.

The couple last year sought the help of retired Supreme Court justice Haim Cohn as arbitrator, and he decided upon the disposition of their property, including alimony payments, as part of an eventual divorce agreement. Following Cohn's binding decision, Ehud Dayan applied to the rabbinical court for a writ of divorce.

Ehud Dayan also asked the rab-

binical court for an injunction barring Talia (Brig. Gen.) Yosef Ben-Hanan from their Nahalal house, arguing that he is his estranged wife's lover and that his presence in the house is a harmful influence on the couple's 12-year-old daughter.

Talia Dayan argues in her petition to the High Court that the rabbinical injunction against Ben-Hanan is void, stating that the court has no power "to impose a social norm" on her behaviour. The High Court intends to hear the petition before a panel of three judges during the current recess, because of what it called the urgency of the matter.

Ehud Dayan, the middle child of the late Moshe Dayan, attained notoriety last year when he published a book, *Life as a Sideshow*, in which he bitterly attacked his father for philandering, among other things. (Iim)

Palestinians to compete in sports event

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two members of the Kuwait-based Palestine Athletic Association are expected to take part in next week's inaugural World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki. But reports here that the PLO will be represented at the International Amateur Athletic Association's 161-nation meet are without foundation.

In spite of protests from Israel, the Palestine group was accepted as a member of the IAAF two years ago — replacing longtime affiliate Palestine (Gaza) — Israel Amateur Athletic Association secretary-

general Avi Stein told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

As an IAAF member, Palestine registered five athletes for the championships, but none met the required standards. "However, members are allowed to enter two athletes each regardless of their standard, and I understand it is under this ruling that Palestine is sending its sportsmen to Helsinki," Stein said.

The Israeli media have confused Palestine with the PLO, he added. The IAAF is one of several international sports federations which have granted full membership to either Palestine or PLO (Gaza).

Rabies watch is on at Golan moshav

RAMAT HAGOLAN (Iim). — Members of Moshav Elad here continued yesterday to check the settlement's dogs and livestock for rabies, after 16 moshav dogs which were not inoculated against the disease were destroyed.

A preliminary investigation revealed that a dog infected with rabies had entered the settlement, probably from Syrian territory, and come into contact with moshav animals. Moshav members who were near these animals are also being checked and will remain under observation for a few days.

In the meantime, the ministry of health has forbidden the sale of beef produced by the moshav.

INDUCTION. — Former members of a WIZO youth club were inducted into the Israel Defence Forces as a Nahal garin (settlement group) at a ceremony held last night at the (WIZO) Kagan Community Centre. The 25 men and women are from the Katamon neighbourhood in Jerusalem, and many were school dropouts who did not hold jobs and were kept off the streets only because of their involvement in the WIZO club activities.

Judge JOSEPH HERBSTEIN

initiator and founder of the South African Zionist Federation's Bursaries and Scholarships Committee, and Chairman of the Sussman Trust

who passed away suddenly on August 2, will be deeply missed as a friend and mentor by the members of the Committee and the Trustees.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife

Betty

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The South African Zionist Federation (Johannesburg) expresses its profound regret at the sudden passing in Tel Aviv on August 2, 1983, of

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The funeral took place on July 31, 1983. Shiva at Skolnik 1, Rehovot.

Ministries asking for 10 per cent electric hike

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury and the Energy Ministry have asked the Knesset Finance Committee to approve a 10 per cent hike in electricity rates effective August 1.

This is the first time since October, when the Treasury introduced its economic programme to fight inflation, that there has been a request for a rate increase of more than 5 per cent.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has for months been demanding a rise in the price of electricity, but it was repeatedly blocked by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, who limited the monthly increases to 5 per cent, in accordance with its economic policy.

Now Aridor has finally given his

approval to a large increase, in spite of the fact that the Treasury recently informed the Knesset Finance Committee that it would allocate more than IS3 billion to subsidize electricity prices.

Economic observers in Jerusalem said that the hike signals a final abandonment of what remained of Treasury policy. All other elements in the programme — 5 per cent monthly devaluations, moderate wage increases and stable interest rates — have been discontinued for several months.

Energy Ministry Director-General Uriel Lynn said yesterday that the ministry plans to implement monthly increases in electricity prices of 8 to 10 per cent, to bring down the deficits accumulated by the Electric Corporation as a result of the Treasury's policies.

DC embassy staff wants insider to replace Hurvitz

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Nine foreign service career officers serving at the Israel Embassy here have sent a sharply-worded telegram to Jerusalem protesting against the expected appointment of Yoram Etinger of the Prime Minister's Office to serve as the embassy's next minister for information.

The telegram, addressed to ministry Director-General David Kimche, complained that the job is being filled by yet another political appointee.

Etinger, who works on information affairs in the Prime Minister's Office, has been tipped to succeed Harry Hurvitz, who is returning to Jerusalem to be the prime minister's

adviser on Diaspora affairs. That post became vacant when Yehuda Avner was named Israel's ambassador to Britain.

The telegram said that the important position should be filled by a professional diplomat, and that there is certainly enough talent among the ministry ranks.

The embassy's information minister is charged with coordinating Israel's information programme throughout the U.S. He is the embassy's liaison with the nine consulates in the country, the American Jewish community and other influential groups.

The telegram was not signed by Ambassador Meir Rosene, a career diplomat, or by the number two man at the embassy, Benjamin Netanyahu, a political appointee.

Levy: Project Renewal funds will flow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Housing Minister David Levy has promised that a solution to the problem of funding 13 new areas in Project Renewal will be found soon, the ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

The 13 areas in the comprehensive slum renewal programme were included in the project last August, but work on them was delayed because the Jewish Agency board of governors had to formally approve the funding. The project is funded jointly by the government and Diaspora communities acting through the agency. But after the agency approval was obtained, the government did not come up with its share of the funding.

According to agency sources, Levy, in his capacity as minister in charge of Project Renewal, recently asked the agency to advance \$5 mil-

lion to the government so that work can begin. The agency replied that the money cannot be provided until the Treasury gives it permission to redeem some \$22m. in Israel Bonds, which it received in contributions.

Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulin reportedly had a heated exchange yesterday with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor over the stalled \$22m., at a meeting of the ministerial committee on Project Renewal, which Levy also attended.

Reacting to Dulin's declarations, the Treasury said yesterday that it is not holding any sums belonging to the Jewish Agency.

The ministry added that on the contrary, the Jewish Agency still owes the government some \$130 million for its share in Project Renewal. Finance Minister Yoram Aridor is not prepared to erase this debt, and is still waiting for its repayment.

Venezuelan leader restates support

Post Knesset Correspondent

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor on Monday persuaded Venezuelan president Herrera Campins to restate his support for the agreement between Israel and Lebanon, as well as the Camp David accord between Israel and Egypt.

Savidor, at the head of an official Knesset delegation visiting Caracas at the invitation of the Venezuelan parliament, also heard Campins rule out the possibility of a Palestine Liberation Organization office being opened in Venezuela.

"We shall not permit it," Campins said. "We are opposed to terrorism." He added that when his successor is elected president later this year, the policy with respect to the PLO is not likely to change.

When Likud MK Akiva Nof

asked whether there is any intention of returning the Venezuelan Embassy to Jerusalem (which it left after the Knesset passed the Jerusalem Law nearly two years ago), Campins said the matter is not under study and that he intends to take no initiative on it during his remaining months in office.

Some of the MKs in the delegation got the impression that Campins expects his successors to take the matter up, and does not consider the present situation final.

Israeli ambassador Ya'acov Cohen escorted the Knesset delegation to the audience at the presidential mansion.

Meir Cohen of Israel Television's Arabic-language service is covering the Knesset visit as a pool reporter.

Over the weekend, the MKs met at several functions with Jewish community groups.

Britain may attend UN Palestine parley

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Britain is considering participating in the UN conference on Palestine which takes place in Geneva at the end of the month, even though it believes the final document produced by the conference will be "radical."

A Foreign Office spokesman said that Britain is consulting its European partners in an attempt to work out a common policy towards the conference. It is hoping that the 10

European Community members will reach a unanimous decision on whether to participate in or to boycott what is clearly going to be a pro-PLO propaganda exercise.

"We have no illusions about the nature of the conference," the spokesman added, "but we believe that if you do not attend, you lose the opportunity to put a more balanced case, and the case for moderation will go by default."

The final decision on British participation is expected to be made within a week or two by Foreign Office Minister of State Richard Luce, who has special responsibility for Middle East affairs.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews is sending a formal letter to the Foreign Office expressing "profound concern" at the possibility of Britain attending such a partisan gathering.

New Galilee settlement begun near Ma'alot

MA'ALOT (Itim). — Fifteen founding families yesterday participated in laying the cornerstone of a new settlement near here, to be called Kfar Vradim.

So far, 300 plots have been sold in the village, and the construction of 140 private homes is to begin this year, as well as a school and a commercial centre. Most of the future residents of Kfar Vradim plan to work in the science-based industries of the Tefen region.



Volunteers Gary Fieldman (left) and Stephen Black, both from Glasgow, yesterday taste the menu at a "mothers' day camp" run by Project Renewal in Ashkelon. The two Hebrew-speaking volunteers are part of a team running activities for 1,400 children in 10 day camps taking place in community schools and centres renovated by the Joint Israel Appeal of the UK. (Alex Levack)

Shippers ask to speed up passport control

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Shippers Council yesterday asked the ministers of interior and tourism to intervene urgently to improve the passport control facilities for the growing number of tourists and Israelis who travel by ship.

The council stated that incoming passport control now takes several hours for each ship, causing great discomfort, resentment and anger among passengers. This is giving the

country a bad name, the council said.

The tourist season is now at its height, with 30 passenger liners due to bring thousands of passengers this month. Passport control for incoming passengers is carried out in one of the public rooms, which the council says are "totally unsuitable for the purpose."

Several passengers have fainted from heat and fatigue after waiting three to five hours to have their passports stamped. The council

demand that the control be carried out instead in the modern and air-conditioned passenger terminal where outgoing passengers are checked. Each ship carries between 400 and 700 passengers.

No official reaction was available yesterday. But one of the circumstances which aggravates the situation is the fact that ships usually arrive and sail two or three at a time. This makes it difficult to carry out passport control for both incoming and outgoing passengers in the new terminal.

Uzan tells Druse he won't support withdrawal delay

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan told Israeli Druse leaders yesterday that he relies on the army and the Defence Ministry "to do everything necessary to prevent bloodshed" in the Shouf mountains when the IDF withdraws. He will not support delaying the withdrawal, he said.

Uzan toured four Druse villages in this region and at Julis. Sheikh Amin Tarif, the spiritual leader of the community, expressed his satisfaction at the improvement of the situation in Shouf recently and called on the government to continue its efforts towards this goal.

At Abu Sina's village, local council head Sa'id-Hamad told the

minister that the evacuation of a Phalangist base by Israel proved that the army can control the Phalangists and assure calm.

Uzan said that while no open complaints were voiced, he could "feel" the Druse resentment at Israel's handling of the situation. "It's quite natural that they should be concerned for their brethren; after all, we too are sensitive about the fate of Jews throughout the world."

But whereas the Druse leadership is restraining its reactions, the rank-and-file are more outspoken. Seren Ayoub Elkara is due to hold a press conference here today to explain his resignation from the regular army in protest against Israel's policies in the Shouf mountains.

Arab and Druse local bodies getting budget increases

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

While Jewish local authorities are having their budgets reduced, Arab and Druse local authorities in Israel are receiving both increases in their budgets and larger credit lines, Interior Minister Yosef Burg told a group of Arab communal leaders this week.

Meeting with 25 of them who came to ask for more financial assistance, Burg said: "Last year we granted Arab and Druse local authorities a 10 per cent boost — in real terms — in their operating budgets and a 10 per cent increase in manpower. This year we will increase working budgets by another 10 per cent and manpower by 5 per cent."

"This we are doing at a time when Jewish local authorities are cutting

their spending and freezing all hiring. I promise you that in all my negotiations with the Treasury, I will continue to ask for real increases in your budgets."

The Treasury, Burg added, has already agreed to raise Arab and Druse authorities' lines of credit this year by 120 per cent over last year. In the Jewish municipal sector, the increase has been limited to 90 per cent.

In 1981, government allocations to the Arab sector local authorities accounted for 4 per cent of the total of such allocations. By 1982, the funds channeled to the minority sector represented 5.5 per cent of the total, and according to Burg, the upward trend will continue. (The proportion of non-Jews in the population is 16 per cent, according to the 1981 Government Yearbook.)

5 volunteer families from abroad decide to stay

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five families, part of a group of 1,000 Diaspora Jews who are doing agricultural and forestry work as volunteers here this summer, have decided to immigrate as a result of their experience in Israel.

The group was organized by Tour Va'aleh of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish National Fund. Among the volunteers are doctors, lawyers and

university lecturers, many of whom had never been to Israel before.

The five families have decided to settle in the northern development town of Ma'alot, with which they became familiar during their work in Galilee. The volunteers' children, who have been studying during the past month in Israeli summer camps, will display their knowledge of Hebrew in an assembly in the North to be held today.

Histadrut body is against commercial TV

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut's Consumer Protection Authority is opposing the introduction of a second, commercial, television channel, saying that it would "increase rampant and unjustified consumption" and would cause "negative educational repercussions and a severe blow to the quality of life."

These views were presented this

week to Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer by authority chairman Nuzhat Katzav.

If a commercial channel is nevertheless approved, Katzav added, it should be subject to "suitable consumer-public supervision" and should be required to broadcast programmes on prudent consumerism and a higher quality of life.

New rules on drug distribution to addicts

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak has issued regulations providing for the distribution of dangerous drugs to addicts by specially certified pharmacies. Prescriptions for the drugs must also be issued by doctors certified by the ministry for this purpose.

Drug addicts not being treated at a rehabilitation centre should register at a pharmacy in their neighbourhood. Pharmacies interested in distributing the drugs should apply to the ministry for certification.

Further information is available at the pharmacology department of the ministry, 8a Rehov Horkanya, Jerusalem, telephone 02-636261.

Up to now, the ministry has been distributing the heroin substitute Adolan to drug addicts from all parts of the country at the Hinya garbage dump near Tel Aviv, because pharmacists did not want the dangerous but well-paying job.

CELEBRATION. — A 20-member group of 13 year olds from abroad who were brought here by the World Zionist Organization will mark their bar mitzva at a mass celebration tomorrow at 8 a.m. in the Istanbul Synagogue in Jerusalem's Old City. Their relatives and WZO officials will be present.

Arab-Jewish amity urged at W. Bank event

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Maintaining friendly relations with Arabs in the administered areas is not only in keeping with Jewish tradition but also beneficial for Israel's security, Tat-Aluf Shlomo Ilyia, civil administrator for Judea and Samaria, said yesterday.

Speaking at a ceremony in Jerusalem formally proclaiming Givat Ze'ev as an autonomous local council, Ilyia declared: "It is up to Israelis settling in the administered areas to initiate a dialogue and promote neighbourly relations with local Arab residents. We need open doors between us rather than sealed fencing."

Givat Ze'ev, near the large Arab villages of Biddu, Jib, and Beituniya, is situated about seven kilometers north of Jerusalem's Ramot suburb and five kilometres west of the capital's Atarot industrial zone. Givat Ze'ev is named after Ze'ev (Vladimir) Jabotinsky, Odessa-born founder of the Zionist Revisionist movement whose goal is to settle Jews in all parts of the historic Land of Israel.

Originally, Housing Ministry planners wanted to put up 5,000 housing units in Givat Ze'ev. But this was scaled down to 2,000 when it was learned that much of the land included in Givat Ze'ev's boundary

is privately owned — by Arabs — and duly registered under Jordanian Law. The 2,000 units — 850 of which are under construction — are all on state-owned land or on lots purchased by Jews in the 1930s.

Shlomo Amar, head of the civil administration's Interior Ministry department, said that "the founding settlers of Givat Ze'ev now live in nearby Camp Givon, the abandoned Jordan Army installation. By October, the first 150 families will move into their new quarters in Givat Ze'ev, and by next April we expect to have 500 families there."

Besides public institutions and essential community facilities such as schools, shops, houses of worship and a medical clinic, Givat Ze'ev will have "small workshops and ecologically approved industry," Amar added.

Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky, noting that there are now 35,000 Jews living in the West Bank, said: "In another year or two there will be 60,000 Jews in Judea and Samaria. That's more than the total number of our people in Palestine at the time of the Balfour Declaration. Today's ceremony reminds me of the first and similar proclamation of a Jewish local council across the Green Line — that of Kiryat Arba in Hebron."

Young Bnei Brak woman jumps to death

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A young woman plunged to her death from the 15th floor of the Shalom Tower yesterday. The 22-year-old Bnei Brak resident landed on the concrete roof of the Shalom department store 11 floors below and was killed instantly.

Before noon yesterday, passersby notified the police that a woman was standing on the window sill of the Interior Ministry offices on the 15th floor, threatening to jump.

A Magen David Adom crew, a police psychologist and policemen headed by Yarkon sub-district deputy commander Sgan-Nitzav

Meir Harel arrived, but could not make contact with the woman, who was standing on the sill outside the closed window. The lower half of windows on the tower open outwards, and the police could not open the window without causing it to push the woman off the sill.

The police psychologist and Yarkon intelligence chief Sgan-Nitzav Arye Amit tried to talk to her from a nearby window, but the woman did not respond to anything they said and seemed oblivious to their presence.

Then, without warning and watched by a large crowd of onlookers on the street below, the woman jumped.

Construction industry 'headed for bust'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

With building activity in Israel down by 25 per cent so far this year as compared with 1982, the country's construction industry is heading for a major recession, Mordechai Amster, secretary of the Building Workers Union, warned this week.

Addressing a meeting of the union's insurance and pension council, Amster laid the blame for the building slump on the government's "clear and carefully directed priority of building new towns in the

West Bank, at the expense of public and private construction of housing units in Israel."

Amster says the situation has become so serious that veteran Israeli construction workers are being dismissed and contractors — when they require new workers — are hiring Arabs from the administered areas.

On the other hand, Amster told the council that the union favours the inclusion of Arab construction workers in all collective work agreements, "both for moral and political reasons."

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Chad forces consolidate hold on key oasis, chase Libyans

N'DJAMENA (AP). — Chad government troops fanned out north of the oasis of Faya-Largeau yesterday to consolidate their hold on that desert outpost, which came under Libyan air strikes for the fourth consecutive day, Chad officials claimed.

Information Minister Mahamat Soumaila said troops, led by President Hissene Habre, were "chasing" the Libyan-backed forces of former President Goukouni

Oueddei north toward the small oasis of Kirdimi, 90 kilometres away.

But Chad's charge d'affaires in Paris, Ahmad Allam-Mi, said Habre was only trying to create a defensive perimeter around the town in anticipation of a Libyan army offensive.

In Washington, the State Department announced on Monday night that the U.S. has joined France in supplying anti-aircraft weapons to

Chad. Department spokesman John Hughes said the administration is consulting with other governments, including France, on developments in the civil war, and is reviewing its aid programme.

The U.S. said it is also sending \$10 million in vehicles and other military equipment to Habre's forces.

The official Libyan news agency JANA announced in Tripoli yesterday that Habre had been killed north of Faya-Largeau. Allam-mi

said the report did "not even merit a response. It is obviously false."

Foreign Minister Idriss Miskine said that Faya-Largeau has been partly destroyed by Libyan warplanes, which intensified their attacks and were becoming "more accurate in their low-level passes, because they know we lack anti-aircraft defences."

Miskine said there were many dead among the civilian population as well as the opposing forces.

Moscow accuses Iran of training Afghan guerrillas

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union yesterday accused Iran of arming and training anti-Marxist Afghan guerrillas, and also said Iran is forcing Afghan refugees to fight in its war against Iraq.

The claim, in the government newspaper *Izvestia*, was the first known Soviet accusation that Iran is actively interfering in Afghan affairs.

Previously, the Soviets have accused Iran of interference by har-

bouring Afghan refugees and supporting the cause of the Afghan guerrillas, while saying the U.S., Pakistan and China are arming and training the rebels.

An *Izvestia* correspondent said there are counter-revolutionary groups in Afghanistan fighting to overthrow the Kabul government "and establish a theocratic regime on the Iranian style."

"The gangs are being supplied from the territory of Iran with dif-

ferent kinds of arms, propaganda materials and money."

The correspondent also said subversive acts are taking place near the Iranian border, including the buying up of basic foodstuffs and fuel by Iran-based Afghan guerrillas to "undermine the local economy and sow dissatisfaction" among local people.

Izvestia also said that the Iranians herd Afghan refugees into camps, "select all the men between the ages

of 17 and 40 who are able to carry arms and send them to military camps."

It said many of the refugees try to flee, but they are tried as deserters or "kept in special camps as hostages."

Izvestia added that the refugees in Iran, about one million, are either Afghan people who went in search of work before the 1978 coup that established a pro-Soviet government, or fled later under the influence of "hostile propaganda."

U.S. envoy returns, hopes for calm in Central America

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Special U.S. envoy Richard Stone returned to Washington yesterday after talks with the Nicaraguan government and a Salvadoran leftist leader on U.S. hopes for defusing the crisis in Central America.

As Stone briefed officials on his mission, U.S. President Ronald Reagan discussed Central America at White House talks with Secretary of State George Shultz and Republican Congressional leaders.

In Colombia on Sunday, Stone had the first U.S. contact with Salvadoran rebel chief Ruben Zamora, a leader of the political wing of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front. He described his talks with Zamora and with Nicaraguan officials in Managua as "very useful."

Stone held the talks as U.S. officials voiced guarded optimism that recent overtures by Cuban President Fidel Castro might lead to a

reduction in tensions in Central America.

Reagan, accusing Cuba and Nicaragua of destabilization in the region, has ordered 19 warships including aircraft carriers to conduct exercises off Nicaragua and the participation of 4,000 U.S. combat troops in maneuvers in neighbouring Honduras.

Reagan has said the exercises are routine, but has acknowledged

that they are designed to modify the behaviour of the government in Nicaragua, where the U.S. is covertly financing operations by anti-Sandinist rebels.

Stone's mission in Central America, linked with offers by Castro and Nicaragua to negotiate removal of all foreign advisers and forces from the region, has shifted the emphasis from U.S. military moves to the diplomatic front.

'15 out of 100 Americans are poor'

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Census Bureau reported yesterday that the nation's poverty rate rose to 15 per cent last year — the highest level since 1965 — as 2.6 million people were added to the rolls of the poor.

"Measured on the basis of money income only, the number of people below the poverty level increased by 8.1 per cent to 34.4 million," the bureau reported.

The study, *Money Income and*

Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the U.S.: 1982, showed that blacks continue to have the nation's highest poverty rate at 35.6 per cent. For whites the rate is 12 per cent, and for Hispanics, who may be of any race, 29.9 per cent fell below the poverty level.

Real median cash income of families was down 1.4 per cent in 1982, the bureau said, as Americans continued to lose ground to inflation.

OPEC official foresees drop in aid

VIENNA (Reuters). — The new head of the agency which channels development aid from the organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said yesterday that OPEC may have to temporarily cut aid to the third world.

Seyyid Abdulai, a Nigerian banker who yesterday became director-general of the OPEC Fund for International Development, said

the fund would reassess its current lending programme for 1983/84 because OPEC states are facing economic difficulties.

The sixth loan programme originally earmarked \$650 million for the two-year period, and Abdulai said the figure would probably be revised downwards. He gave no new figures.

Lebanese hijackers imprisoned for 7 years

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP). — Two young Lebanese hijackers were sentenced to seven years imprisonment each here yesterday for hijacking a Rumanian airliner on charter to Libyan Airlines last month.

Hassan Mehdi Sa'adoun Haj, 17, and Arif Ahmaat Radja, 20, had both pleaded guilty to separate charges of hijacking and possessing arms and explosives.

They surrendered to the Cypriot authorities at Larnaca airport on June 22 after releasing the 32 passengers and crew of the Boeing 707 of the Rumanian state airline.

David Niven funeral

CHATEAU D'OEX, Switzerland (AP). — Prince Rainier of Monaco joined friends and family of David Niven here yesterday for the funeral of the debonair British actor who died last week after a year-long illness.

Sardinian court gives 2 terrorists life sentences

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (AP). — A court here yesterday convicted 39 people of forming a Red Brigades terrorist cell on this island and sentenced two of them to life imprisonment for killing a policeman.

The maximum penalty went to Antonio Contena, 31, and Pietro Coccone, 31, for the killing of a Carabinieri corporal two years ago. The prosecution charged the killing was planned to demonstrate to Red Brigades leaders the "efficiency" of the Sardinian cell.

Antonio Savasta and Emilia Libera, who have testified against their former comrades in trials in various Italian cities, received sentences of six years and five years, respectively.

In addition to identifying members of the leftist terror gang on Sardinia, Savasta also led police to the gang's hidden arsenal on the island. He testified that the weapons, which included bazookas, missiles, submachine guns and explosives, were supplied by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The PLO has denied this. In Bologna, more than 10,000 people marched through city streets yesterday to mark the third anniversary of a blast at the city's railroad station that killed 85 and injured 200 in Europe's worst post-war terrorist attack.

Japanese minister on Middle East, European tour

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe left yesterday for a two-week tour of the Middle East and East European countries for talks on international issues.

The tour, seen as a move to strengthen Japan's diplomatic role, will take Abe first to Rumania and then to Bulgaria, Iran, Turkey and Iraq before returning here on August 14.

He will be the first foreign minister from a major industrialized country to visit Iran since the Islamic revolution in 1979, and the first Japanese foreign minister to visit Rumania and Bulgaria.

His stop in Ankara will be the first by a Japanese cabinet minister since the end of the second world war.

UK actor Peter Arne found bludgeoned

LONDON (AP). — Peter Arne, 62, a British character actor who specialized in villains, was found bludgeoned to death in his Knightsbridge apartment in West London, police said yesterday.

His body was discovered on Monday in the hallway of his ground-floor apartment in Hans Place, behind Harrods department store.

Surgery restores sight to man blind for 40 years

SAN BERNARDINO, California (AP). — A 79-year-old man whose sight was restored after 40 years of blindness says "it's a brand new life" now that he can see again.

"I have so much to be thankful for," said Harold Schmidlin. "I can read the road signs, and that's a thrill."

When his sight was restored, Schmidlin saw his wife of 17 years for the first time. "I was not disappointed," he said.

Schmidlin regained his sight through surgery after his wife attended a lecture given by two physicians in Los Angeles. Mrs. Schmidlin, 85, encouraged him to talk with doctors.

"I was very skeptical," Schmidlin said. "I had been turned down so many times. I had a negative attitude."

Dr. Sally Rabkin, who with her husband Dr. Michael Rabkin performed the surgeries, said Schmidlin was "a blind man 40 years unnecessarily."

The doctors removed a cataract, transplanted the cornea and implanted a permanent intraocular lens in one of Schmidlin's eyes. In the other eye, only a cornea transplant was needed.

Italy 'bows to pressure' in Soviet espionage case

ROME (AP). — Italian authorities have bowed to Soviet pressure and granted provisional liberty to two Soviet citizens arrested for spying, the news weekly *L'Espresso* reported yesterday.

President Sandro Pertini and Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo intervened in the case after the Soviet Union brought charges of black marketeering against two Italians and called in an Italian newspaper correspondent in Moscow and accused him of a homosexual relationship with a Soviet, the magazine said.

The magazine did not cite any sources for the report.

A spokesman for Pertini said he

"followed the case closely, but never intervened as directly as the magazine claimed." The Foreign Ministry had no comment.

Victor Pronine, an official of the Soviet airline in Rome, was arrested February 15 along with an Italian executive of a microfilm company on charges of military espionage. A second Soviet citizen, Victor Konaiev, an official of an Italian-Soviet oil company, was arrested 10 days later on the same charge.

When the Italian courts denied their requests for release and the Soviets were told nothing could be done because the judiciary is independent, "an action of retaliation was begun," the magazine said.

Walesa denounces new laws as a return to 'Stalinist era'

WARSAW (AP). — Polish labour leader Lech Walesa on Monday denounced Poland's tough new legislation enacted with the July 22 lifting of martial law as "a return to the Stalinist era" that will "make things worse."

Walesa returned from a month-long vacation from the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk and renewed his pledge to meet with the underground leadership of the outlawed Solidarity labour union.

He declined to reveal the union's strategy following the lifting of martial law last month or disclose how Solidarity plans to mark the third anniversary of its birth on August 31.

When asked by an American television network whether he plans to meet with Solidarity's fugitive five-man "temporary coordinating commission," Walesa replied: "Of course I will meet them. That is my duty."

The official Polish news agency PAP reported on Monday night that almost 1,800 people had benefited from a partial amnesty declared along with the lifting of martial law. The report did not explain the source of the figures, which were considerably higher than an estimate issued last Thursday by the Justice Ministry.

Thousands of Poles filed through Warsaw's Powazki Cemetery on Monday to mark the 39th anniversary of the Warsaw uprising, in which an estimated 200,000 civilians and members of the underground home army died fighting Nazi occupation forces.

The anniversary has become a focal point of sentiment, directed not only against the German occupation forces of World War II, but for many Poles, against the Soviet Army, which stopped its advance for 63 days on the east bank of the Vistula River opposite Warsaw during the uprising.

Pretoria: car bombing done by 2 blacks linked to ANC

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Police said yesterday that South Africa's most destructive act of sabotage — a car bombing that killed 19 and wounded 217 people — was carried out by two blacks linked to the banned African Communist Party leader.

"Both black males were members of a safe-breaking gang and had previous criminal convictions," Steenkamp said. "They have both been positively identified and have been positively connected to the ANC."

SAPA said the police official declined to announce the names of the two saboteurs because the investigation was continuing. The news conference was only for South African reporters.

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(IS189m). Steenkamp said it was planned at an ANC command centre in Maputo, capital of neighbouring Mozambique, apparently by Joe Slovo, exiled South African Communist Party leader.

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Suspect in 'Hitler Diaries' case freed

HAMBURG, West Germany (AP). — The reporter implicated in the "Hitler Diaries" hoax was released from jail yesterday but remains a key suspect in the century's largest literary fraud, court officials said.

Hamburg judge Olof Masch ordered Gerd Heidemann freed after two months in investigative custody, but ruled that confessed diary forger Konrad Kujau must remain behind bars while the investigation continues.

The state prosecutor immediately challenged the decision to free Heidemann, apparently fearing he would leave the country to avoid a possible trial.

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Medals for passengers, crew who foiled hijack

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet parliament awarded heroism medals yesterday to the crew and passengers of an Aeroflot plane who bludgeoned a would-be hijacker and captured another after they threatened to blow up the airliner on July 12.

The official TASS news agency said that the incident had occurred on a TU-134 flight from Moscow to Tallinn, the capital of Soviet

Estonia on the Baltic Sea.

"Two criminals, threatening to blow up the plane, attempted to hijack it abroad," the report said. "As a result of resolute actions of the crew of the plane and the passengers, the bandit attempt was suppressed."

TASS said at the time that one hijacker was killed and the other "arrested," but gave no other details.

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Sports

SA golfers barred

THE HAGUE (AP). — Fifteen South African golfers have been denied visas to compete in this week's Dutch Open because of their country's apartheid policies, the Dutch Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday. One of the golfers involved, Harold Henning, won the 1981 Dutch Open, and several others of those refused visas played in the tournament last year, according to Jack van der Schaaf of the Netherlands Golf Federation.

Bowls battle

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In a last-shot photo-finish, the Ramat Gan women's team skipped by Helen Gordon came from behind to snatch the lead from the favourite Kfar Hamaccabiah (Bessie Skudowitz) and Ra'anana (Moshe Rosenberg) in the weekend's semi-finals of the Israel Women's Lava Bowls League.

Ramat Gan now meet another Kfar Hamaccabiah team in section one, skipped by Clara Goldberg. In next Saturday's women's final at Sarona.

In the men's premier league, the new champions Kfar Hamaccabiah (skipped by Jack Trapper and Sam Skudowitz) will be pitted against an Israel Bowls Association national selected to a grand finale in the competition, also scheduled for Sarona on Saturday. Ramat Gan finished as runners-up to Kfar Hamaccabiah, followed by Ramat Gan, Sarona and Netanya.

The men's premier (second division) teams have one more round to play in each of their sections, with the final round taking place at Sarona over the weekend. Caesarea are among the entries in this division.

A total of 36 teams — comprising more than 160 players — have participated in the men's and women's leagues, making this eighth season of IBA competition by far the biggest to date.

Boycott's double ton

LONDON (AP). — Geoffrey Boycott, still one of the world's greatest opening batsmen at the age of 42, scored a magnificent unbeaten double century for Yorkshire on Monday as his team built up a massive 434 runs against Nottinghamshire at Worksop. Boycott hit 214 — the 10th double century of his career and his best score for eight years — in 457 minutes with one six and 22 fours.

Softball hopes

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Softball players in the Netanya area may have a team of their own this season, instead of having to travel to Tel Aviv or even further afield for a game. The plan to start the club — which has the enthusiastic backing of the Israel Softball League — is the brainchild of American immigrant Fred Eisinger, who already has the promise of sponsorship from the Pancake House in Kfar Vitkin. The team-in-the-making has been tentatively called the Sharon Flapjacks.

Elliot Marshall, Israel's softball commissioner, said last night that he hoped nearly 20 men's teams will turn out in the coming season, beginning with the fall tournament in October. There are also plans to expand the fledgling women's competition, which at present consists of only three sides, Jerusalem, Haifa and Kfar Shamaryahu's American International School.

People in the Netanya, Herzliya, Ra'anana, Kfar Saba and Caesarea areas interested in playing softball this season should contact Fred Eisinger at 053-51838 during evening hours.

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American League
Cleveland 6, Toronto 0; Milwaukee 6, Boston 2; California 12-6, Minnesota 6-7; Detroit 3, Kansas City 2; Chicago 4, New York 1; Oakland 4, Seattle 3; only games scheduled.

Martina faulted

NORFOLK, Virginia (AP). — Martina Navratilova, the Wimbledon champion and the world's top-ranked women's tennis player, was fined \$20 on Monday for speeding and abusing a Norfolk police officer last January.

Officer S.C. Delapine had reported that Navratilova was going 36 mph in a 35 mph zone on January 29. He also said the tennis star used abusive language toward him after she was stopped.

"She behaved in disorderly fashion and demanded to see the radar gun," Delapine told traffic court Judge Lawrence Lawless. Delapine said Navratilova cursed him and did not calm down until he threatened to send her to jail. Mitchell contested the abuse charge, saying it would only apply if the police officer thought Navratilova was trying to breach the peace. He said it was a matter of free speech.

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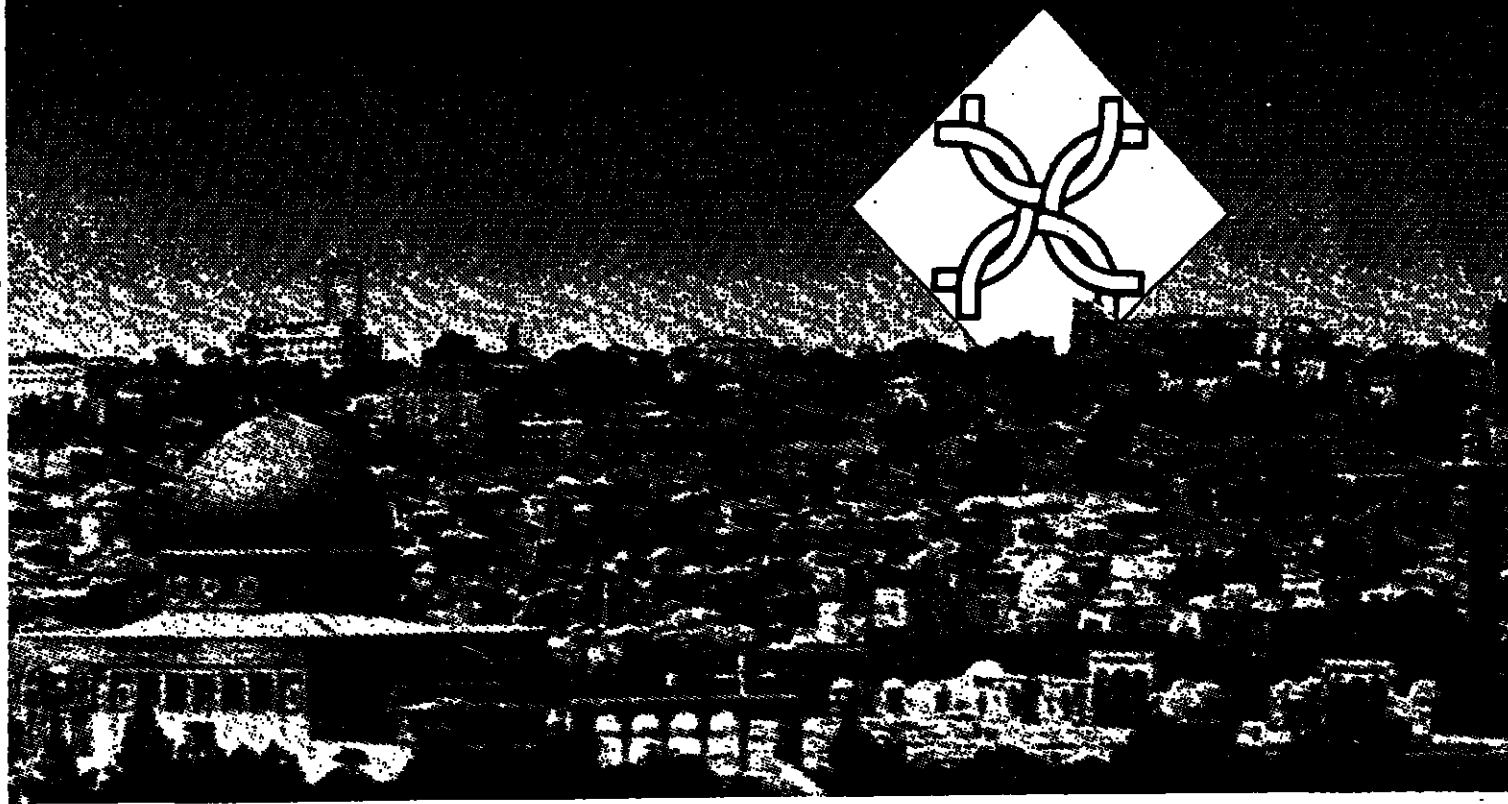
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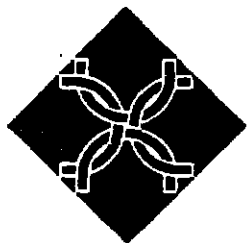


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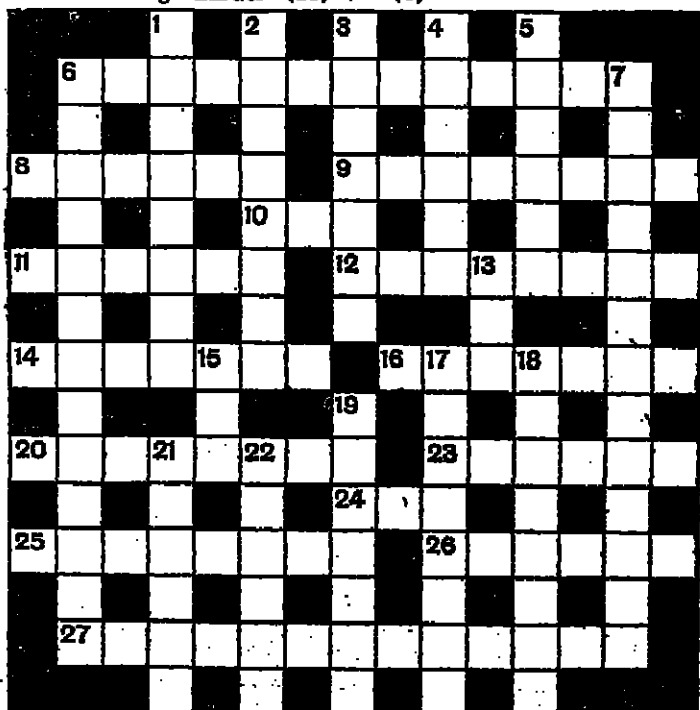
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Pressure on Zim to bypass Eilat worries port workers

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — The pressure being exerted on the Zim company by importers and exporters trading with the Far East to deliver their goods in Ashdod and Haifa ports instead of Eilat (as reported in *The Jerusalem Post* on Monday) has caused great concern in the southern port. The workers there fear that a serious reduction of activity, even total paralysis of the port would result, if Zim were to submit to the pressure.

Zim's spokesman yesterday made it clear that his company's long standing policy of supporting Eilat would continue and that the shipping firm would do all it could to keep Eilat port busy. He noted that Zim had recently modernized its Eilat fleet, with six new container ships replacing older vessels, and a seventh due in service before the

end of the year.

However, as competitors were starting to offer services from the Far East to Ashdod and Haifa, Zim would have to follow suit, unless the problem of compensation for the extra costs traders incur on the overland transport to and from Eilat was speedily overcome, the spokesman added.

The Far East traders have complained that the compensation payments, made jointly by the Ports Authority and the Transport Ministry for the specific purpose of keeping the Red Sea harbour alive, cover only five to 10 per cent of the real cost of overland transport and apply to only part of their cargoes.

They were forced to press Zim into bypassing Eilat and using Ashdod and Haifa instead, simply to enable them to remain competitive with European trade rivals, themselves hard pressed to keep their customers, the traders said.

Low profits for mutual funds

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — Only five of the country's 105 mutual funds, turned in positive yields in July, and since the beginning of the year only six out of the 96 then functioning (others have been set up since) have been profitable, according to Meitav, a financial consultancy firm.

Meitav based its calculations on a seven per cent hike in the cost-of-living index in July. Taking this basis, 41 (of the 105 funds) turned in a yield of less than zero per cent, 22 had a yield of between zero and three per cent, 37 had a yield of between three and seven per cent, and only five, as noted, had a yield of seven or more per cent.

Leading the five was Memad, which concentrates on foreign currency, with a yield of 7.6 per cent. Matiah (also foreign currency) had a yield of 7.5 per cent, while Sapir (a

combination of stocks and index-linked bonds), had a yield of 7.3 per cent. Idith (stocks) turned in 7.1 per cent, as did Bareket, which is a mixed fund.

Meitav noted that seven out of the best ten funds in July were run by the Mizrahi Bank group, but four of these seven Mizrahi funds turned in results ranging from only 6.3 per cent to 7 per cent.

The ten worse performers were Danit (stocks), which had a nominal loss of 13.3 per cent, followed by Erez (stocks), minus 11 per cent; Dekel (stocks) minus 9.4 per cent; Tal (mixed), down 9.3 per cent; Odem (stocks); minus 9.1 per cent; Meof (mainly stocks), minus 8.6 per cent; Lapid (mainly stocks) minus 7.8 per cent; Sa'ar (mixed but mainly stocks), minus 7.5 per cent; Tidhar, (stocks and index-linked), down by 6.9 per cent; and Barosh (stocks and index-linked), minus 6 per cent.

Unanswered questions on engineers and architects

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — How many Israelis go abroad each year to study engineering or architecture? How many return? How many engineers and architects who have obtained their degrees in Israel have emigrated?

The answers to these three questions are a complete mystery since "there are absolutely no figures on these problems, none have been compiled," according to Arye Havkin, head of the registration of engineers and architects in the Labour Ministry. And Dvora Levin, secretary of the Association of Engineers and Architects, adds: "it is difficult to even make an educated guess. No one knows, and any estimate could be wildly off the mark."

All that is known is that there are some 30,000 engineers and architects in Israel, and that during the past few years, between 1,000 to 1,200 new ones have been registered annually. About half of these are trained in Israel — the others are

mainly immigrants, trained in various centres abroad.

Of the last 13 immigrants registered, three came from Rumania, two from the U.S., two from Brazil, two from Uruguay, and one each from Canada, Argentina, Chile and Russia.

"There is not even a definition of a *yored* — a person who emigrates from Israel," says Havkin. "An Israeli engineer who goes abroad to work never registers as an emigrant. Some never intend to return, others return after ten or 15 years."

Havkin believes "that about two to four per cent of all Israeli-trained engineers are now abroad," but stresses that this is only a very rough estimate.

It was possible to calculate how many went abroad to study when parents had to apply for monthly foreign currency allowances, but this system is no longer in effect, he adds.

Levin notes that the life of an Israeli student abroad is generally not easy. For example, a graduate of an Ort school, receives one year's credit at the three engineering

Amamit expulsion confirmed by IIA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The central committee of the Israel Insurance Association recently confirmed a decision, taken one month earlier, to expel the Amamit insurance company from the organization.

The association, early in July, charged that Amamit was favouring some customers, thus discriminating against others, in issuing comprehensive car insurance policies. Amamit was given three weeks to defend itself, and after it did so, the central committee ruled that the defence was insufficient to merit the cancellation of the charges, and thus confirmed the expulsion.

Amamit is the second company to be expelled. The first, Sahar, was found guilty of similar charges.

Continental Bank increasing capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Continental Bank, a member of the Bank Hapoalim Group, has announced that it is increasing its capital by approximately 15,200 million — bringing total capital up to 153,670m. As a result, the ratio between the bank's capital and the bank's total balance sheet will reach almost three per cent, from the previous 1.4 per cent.

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U.S. dollar rise halted after mass state intervention

LONDON (AP). — Massive intervention on foreign exchanges halted the rise of the U.S. dollar yesterday, but foreign exchange dealers said the decline was minor and wondered whether high interest rates would trigger a new dollar surge.

Gold bullion rallied in London from Monday's sharp fall.

The U.S. Treasury announced that the Federal Reserve system

and the central banks of Japan and West Germany began selling dollars on Friday in a coordinated move to "counter disorderly conditions" in foreign exchanges. The Swiss central bank announced late yesterday that it too had joined the effort, and market officials in Paris said the Banque de France was also in on the move.

But by the close of normal trading in Europe yesterday, the dollar was only slightly below the record highs registered the day before, and the American currency even improved in relation to the Canadian dollar in trading in London.

Official spokesmen refused to indicate how heavy the intervention was, but dealers in Tokyo, Frankfurt, Paris and Zurich estimated that more than half a billion dollars have been sold since Friday.

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Aridor's bitter herbs

THE TREASURY says it was not surprised by the Bank of Israel's announcement on Monday that it had printed IS13.5 billion in July — a sum higher than the entire amount injected into the economy during the previous three months. For once there is, indeed, no reason to doubt the Treasury's word. The money was, after all, printed at the Treasury's behest to finance the government's own economic activities. The IS13.5 billion are merely a measure of the country's catastrophic economic situation.

When Yitzhak Moda'i, the energy minister, employed the term "catastrophe" in a public discussion of the state of the economy a short while ago, he brought down upon himself a torrent of abuse from his colleague the finance minister, Yoram Aridor. The word was much too strong for Mr. Aridor's taste. Yet the speed with which money was being printed even at that time by the central bank could not have been a secret to the finance minister. Now he is warning that any more of the same would escalate inflation and widen the balance-of-payments gap — in a word, it would be catastrophic.

Plainly Mr. Aridor is right, this time. With inflation running at nearly 140 per cent annually, the balance of payments gap expected this year to be close to \$5 billion, and the country's foreign debt already at \$21 billion, a further monetary injection at July's rate would be disastrous.

To be sure, the finance minister cannot publicly admit, for it would be politically suicidal, that his "proper economics," a high falutin' euphemism for easy living, has been a resounding failure. He merely proposes to reverse course without even conceding that this is what he is proposing. This he is doing by calling for cuts amounting to IS55 billion in the government's budget — the equivalent of a 10 per cent reduction in the public sector economic activities.

However necessary such a drastic step might be, it would surely prove exceedingly painful. For one thing, the result would be to make more costly numerous services that have so far been provided free or at inexpensive rates. Moreover, the budget slash would tend to depress living standards and increase unemployment.

This is the prospect the country is now facing, according to "sources close to Mr. Aridor," if it wishes to avoid — well, a catastrophe. But Mr. Aridor is not spelling out his intentions in any detail. He is, it is true, plumping for cuts in all ministries, including defence. But even if he manages to overcome threatened resistance by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, Mr. Aridor's axe is likely to hurt mainly the welfare, health and education services. The price of blocking further economic deterioration is to be paid largely by the very old, the very young, the very poor and the very infirm — or at least by those among them who are not politically connected.

If Mr. Aridor has in mind a rational scale of national priorities in wielding his axe, he has not so far divulged it.

Nor has he begun to divulge how badly the people's overall standard of living is to be affected, nor how steeply unemployment may be expected to rise. The finance minister has been more than eager to take credit for the people's recent growing affluence. He has been pointing with pride to his achievement in keeping Israel a small island of nearly full employment in a world hit by joblessness. Now he is, in effect, offering the country a goodly dose of Thatcherism without bothering to reveal what it would mean to the average citizen.

The difference between Thatcherism and Mr. Aridor's proposed new economic programme is that the former at least entails a publicly articulated economic policy, however dubious its merit, while the latter represents desperation and subterfuge without an overall conception.

ON HALACHA AND MIXED MARRIAGE

By ARNOLD M. GOODMAN

PATRILINEAL DESCENT was a major issue debated among Reform rabbis at the recent Jerusalem conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Reform rabbis from North America, Europe and Israel confronted the implication of a resolution adopted this past March by the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis — the organization of Reform Rabbis in North America) in its Los Angeles convention that "The child of one Jewish parent (Father as well as Mother) is under the presumption of Jewish descent." This resolution, the product of a great deal of soul-searching within the Reform rabbinate, rejects the rule of thumb that the religion of a child at birth is the religion of its mother at the time of birth.

Since the Tora and the Talmud are clearly patriarchal, and since the Halacha views status as generally flowing from the father, the Los Angeles resolution was adopted to put an end to what Reform perceived as a grave injustice, and to resolve a terrible inconsistency.

If Judaism is patrilineal, then why shouldn't the religion of the father determine the religion of the child? If Judaism is fair, then why in the case of a mixed marriage (where Jew and gentile each retain his/her religion) should a Jewish father have fewer rights than a Jewish mother?

Hence the resolution that "the child of any one Jewish parent is under the presumption of being Jewish." This presumption is "to be established through appropriate and timely public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish faith and people."

THE RESOLUTION, which does not demand the conversion of a child of a Jewish father, has created a furor not only within American Jewry, but also within European Jewry and Israel, as reported in a recent story in *The Jerusalem Post*.

Within the U.S., public ads and other pronouncements by Orthodox leaders and groups have denounced the Los Angeles resolution, and maintain that it will destroy the unity of the Jewish people. The proponents of patrilineal descent, of course, claim that their position will save for the Jewish people, many of whom would otherwise be lost or alienated. Either side of this issue can be argued with equal cogency, and no one can be certain of what the future holds in store for the Jewish people. Yet the controversy does demand that a position be taken either in favour of the resolution or against it.

THE RABBINICAL Assembly (RA), the international organization of Conservative Rabbis, has to date been silent on this issue. Some interpreted this as *sh'tika k'hoda'a* (silence as acquiescence), and that the Conservative Movement supports the resolution on patrilineal descent.

The RA has been silent to date, not out of agreement with our Reform colleagues, but because of our reluctance to attack another rabbinic group. The RA, however, does not agree that a child born of a Jewish father is presumed Jewish, nor do we view this issue in terms of whether Jewish status is conferred matrilineally or patrilineally. The issue is to be seen in the context of Judaism's perception of the consequences of a mixed marriage: a marriage between a Jew and a gentile where there is no conversion.

MIXED MARRIAGES are not a new phenomenon. The Tora and the Talmud were well aware that men and women of different religions could be attracted to one another.

In *Deuteronomy* (7:34) the Tora states its uncompromising position regarding mixed marriages: "You shall not marry them (the dwellers of Canaan). Your daughter shall not be given to his son; you shall not take his daughter for your son for he will turn away your son from Me and they will worship foreign gods."

The Talmud, in discussing a variety of male-female relationships with their impact upon children, teaches in *Kiddushin*: "In any situa-

tion where either the individual male — or anyone in his category — cannot create *Kiddushin* (marital sanctification) the child is as she is. Examples of this are a child born to a female slave or to a gentile woman. This means that the status of *Kiddushin* is never created. They may marry civilly, they may be husband and wife to the world; but they are not married according to Jewish law. There is no *Kiddushin*.

Where there is no *Kiddushin*, the man never becomes the husband of the woman. He has no halachic relationship with her, and, therefore, he has no halachic relationship with her child. In the cases at hand: where a Jewish man marries a gentile woman, the child has her status and is a gentile; where it is a Jewish woman and a gentile man, then the child is Jewish. The child either is — or is not — Jewish, and this status flows only from the mother because there has been no *Kiddushin*. When there is *Kiddushin*, then the child's status is a reflection of both the father and the mother. Then the rule of thumb perception that Jewishness flows from the mother is not really accurate. Only when there is no *Kiddushin*, is everything derived from the mother, because of the father's lack of halachic standing.

"You shall not marry them" is an important principle in the Tora and in the Talmud, and the Los Angeles resolution is a consequence of refusing to be bound by this ban. The Reform rabbinate grants its members free choice whether or not to solemnize a marriage between a Jew and a gentile, and Reform rabbis do officiate at such weddings. Most Reform temples do welcome into their midst mixed married couples and their children, and there has been a long-standing practice by many Reform rabbis to regard these children as Jewish, if they have been educated at Temple schools.

The resolution could have specified that the child of a Jewish father and a gentile mother who has received a Jewish education, and

then participated in an appropriate ceremony, such as bat mitzva, or confirmation, has in effect been converted. This would not at all be inconsistent with Reform practice in which the conversion process is a period of study followed by an appropriate public ceremony. *Tevilla* (ritual immersion) and *brit mila* or *hatfat dam brit*, however, are generally not required.

Since the Reform rabbinate begins with the presumption that the child of a Jewish father is Jewish, it cannot define the requirements of study and ceremony imposed upon such a child as a conversion process.

THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY has not permitted its members to solemnize mixed marriages. A colleague who would do so would be expelled from our association. We are thus neither morally bound, nor emotionally driven, to accept a non-halachic view of either the mixed marriage by calling it *Kiddushin*, or of presuming that a child of such a marriage is Jewish if only the father is Jewish.

We, of course, live in the same world as do our Reform colleagues. We too deal with mobility, and we are no less committed to democracy. We know there are mixed marriages, and where a child of such a marriage is brought to our synagogues, we will not turn him or her away. We insist, however, upon halachic conversion, which includes study and *tevilla* and *brit mila* or *hatfat dam brit*.

As a movement committed to the teachings of Tora, we accept the Tora's ban on mixed marriages. We know that a unique people and a holy nation must view itself as separate and apart; this is the price it pays for being a covenanted community. Where a Jew enters into a mixed marriage in violation of "you shall not marry them," then there is no *Kiddushin*, and only the status of the mother determines the status of

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her child. It is appropriate that it is from Jerusalem, the Holy City, that our movement sends forth a reiteration of our commitment to the classic position of "you shall not marry them," thereby denying any halachic claim a non-Jewish man may have upon a Jewish woman and upon her child.

As a movement, committed to halacha and to the survival of *Knesset Israel* (to use the category of the late Chief Rabbi Kook), we affirm that the survival of the Jewish people — and of the Jewish religion — is not to be achieved by extending Jewishness on a wholesale basis but in defining it in terms of its uniqueness as a "holy nation and a kingdom of priests."

We in the Conservative Movement are well aware, of course, that the Israeli rabbinate and the religious establishment in Israel will, at the present time, continue to reject the movement and its leadership. We know that both our halachic credentials and our halachic commitment are challenged.

Our movement, however, will continue to press in Israel for an acceptance of what it advocates in the

United States: that religion be removed from the political arena, and that Jews be given the right to express their Jewishness by opting for whatever they regard as an appropriate Jewish life style.

Our challenge to the Reform Movement should not be construed as a reflection on its right to develop its own model of Jewish life. The Conservative Movement does challenge Reform's departure from Halacha — especially in the cases of patrilineal descent, and the solemnizing of mixed marriages. Yet this challenge on our part should not be viewed as our advocating that the Reform rabbinate be denied the right to teach, to preach and to serve Jews in Eretz Yisrael.

As inheritors of a democratic tradition, we need not agree with others, but we assure them the right to be heard and to receive equal treatment before the law.

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READERS' LETTERS

SEMANTICS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — My husband and I spend every summer in your country. We find the more we learn, the less we know about Israel. For example, on a recent fact-finding tour, we learned that clusters of houses are called villages only when they are inhabited by Arabs, settlements and *mitzpim*, when inhabited by Jews. The distinction between the latter two is based on whether the place is on one or the other side of a mythical green line whose location is marked on out-of-print maps. The two are identical in every other respect and are there for the same purpose. My husband, Irving, concluded that the distinction must be of the nature of a Yiddish joke — it is beyond comprehension to outsiders.

Our guide nearly fell over laughing when, on a visit to a Beduin village, I referred to them as settlers. In my lexicon, they are true settlers, having been unsettled nomads until the government induced them to settle down.

As our bus brought 30 confused fact-finders back to Jerusalem, and just as our guide gave us a well-worn pep talk on the unity of the Jewish people, we witnessed the rear-guard action of a mini-war between border policemen and a bunch of Kuni Lemmel types. Intuitively, and to the disgust of our guide, we all rooted for the guys with the black hats. When Irving remarked that people who risk their health in the defence of obscure archaeological tombs are true idealists, the guide had another laughing fit. It appears, for Israelis such terms as idealist, settler, etc. are more narrowly defined than in common English usage.

As is customary, when leaving the bus I thanked the guide. He said *eh b'd ma*. For once he was right.

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NEWSPWORTHY WOMEN

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir — This letter is a strong protest about the way our reporters often describe family details about newsworthy women while seldom doing the same about men.

An example appears in *The Post* of July 28, "Second woman enters Haifa mayoralty race." We are told that Professor Naor is a "mother of three"; we are left in the dark about how many children the other candidates have. Does the woman's marital status or pregnancy history have any bearing on her suitability for the mayoralty? If it does, then why not give equal space to similar information about the other candidates so that we can compare Professor Naor with them? Rather than describing her breeding ability, could your reporter not have told us a little more about her as a human being? What is her career history, for example?

This type of treatment of women by the media tends to perpetuate the myth that women are not "normal," "proper" or "legitimate" except as wives and mothers. It also downgrades fatherhood.

If you must publish gynecologic data on the women, then please also give us the stud records of the men!

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Federal Funds Sold	25,100
Loans, Net	199,387
Other Assets	14,958
TOTAL ASSETS	\$429,853
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:	
Demand Deposits	\$ 18,938
Time and Savings Deposits	294,972
Borrowed Money	72,981
Other Liabilities	8,205
TOTAL	395,096
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Capital Stock	6,349
Paid in Capital	10,651
Undivided Profits	6,757
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	23,757
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